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TOPIC	1. Czech Troops in Horazdovice.		
	2. Troops in Plzen and Unit of the "Interior Guard" in the Plzen Lenin-Plant.		
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1. Prior to August 1953, an AAA unit was quartered in the former convent which was located on the northeastern perimeter of Horazdovice (N 50/Q 39), directly northwest of the railroad station and was the only installation in the post area serving as military billets. About 16 truck-towed light AA guns on two pneumatic-tire wheels without limbers, which source believed were German-made 20-mm guns, left the installation for practices. The soldiers of the unit wore red-bordered black epauletts. In June 1953, an engineer unit of about two companies quartered in this installation entrained at the Horazdovice-Babin railroad station. The train, which included 25 cars, was also loaded with about 15 wooden boats, about 3 meters long, and beams. During the absence of the unit the engineer depot on the northern bank of the Otava River and about 500 meters south of the Horazdovice railroad station, which included three wooden buildings and the storage area for wooden boats, was still guarded. Prior to August 1953, no other military units were identified in Horazdovice. that after 1951 PTP soldiers did construction work in the wooded area, about 4 km northeast of Horazdovice and around Hill 472, which was referred to as the Haj area. Shipments of materials such as bricks, lime, cement and timber from the Horazdovice-Babin railroad station continued up to late 1952. The area was marked with warning boards. After early 1953, trucks were observed entering this woods. Construction work was apparently completed at this time.
2. Prior to mid-August 1953, infantrymen were quartered in the former 35th Infantry Barracks and the Na Slovanech Barracks in the Plzen (N 50/L 04) post area. the Na Slovanech Barracks also quartered an AAA unit. Artillerymen wearing red-bordered black epauletts and numerous soldiers wearing red-bordered brown epauletts and quartered in unidentified billets were frequently seen in the city area. near Na Korech about 20 SP guns were Soviet models.
3. After early April 1953, the Skvrnany plant of the Lenin factory, formerly Skoda Works, in Plzen was guarded by soldiers of the "Interior Guard"

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whose billets were outside the plant area. They wore standard Khaki army uniforms with violet-bordered red epaulets and blouse cuffs mounting a yellow metal insignia representing a toothed wheel and other unidentified items. While on duty the soldiers wore standard garrison caps, and while off duty they wore low visor-type service caps [redacted] mounted a red-star emblem. The soldiers of this guard unit occupied all watchtowers in the plant area. Some sentries of the "Interior Guard" also patrolled the site. The guard unit was organized after the pattern of the army and was relieved every 24 hours. Special guardrooms were available in some departments of the plant. All guards were equipped with model AB-1 and B submachine guns. The watchtowers mounted light machine guns. The labor force knew that the soldiers of the Inner Guard were authorized and required to halt and check all suspicious individuals.

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. The AAA battalion of the 2d Mtz Rifle Div is confined in Horazdovice prior to August 1953. Other units stationed at the post are still unidentified. Deserter Vondra stated that a rocket launcher unit was stationed there in April 1952, while Deserter Jirgas mentioned an engineer unit in September 1952. The unit probably is the engineer battalion of the 2d Mtz Rifle Div hitherto carried in Susice.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. Previous information indicated that infantrymen were quartered in the 35th Infantry Barracks, while the Na Slovanech Barracks quartered one artillery unit, one AAA unit and one engineer unit and the Na Borech Barracks was occupied by an AAA unit. Deserter Koudelka stated that the tank SP regiment of the 11th Div was stationed at Plzen in May 1952. The occupation of the barracks installations may have changed. It is believed that besides other units the 11th Inf Regt, the 155th AAA Regt and the tank SP regiment of the 11th Div are stationed at Plzen.

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